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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL FRENCH FOOD ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA

1. NEWLY ARRIVED FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEWIN INFORMED AMBASSADOR IN CONFIDENCE THAT FRANCE COULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL GRANT OF FOOD (LARGELY WHEAT) TO GUINEA IF REQUESTED. DUE COLLECTIVIST MIS-MANAGEMENT GUINEA CONTINUES TO HAVE ANNUAL FOOD DEFICIT APPROXIMATELY 60,000 TONS. LEWIN SPOKE VAGUELY OF POSSIBILITY DONATING UP TO HALF OF THAT AMOUNT.

2. SUCH SMALL LEVERAGE AS US ENJOYS IN GUINEA STEMS IN LARGE PART FROM TITLE I CREDIT SALES OF RICE, WHEAT AND OIL. POSSIBILITY OF FRANCE PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE COST-FREE SOURCE THEREFORE HAS IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JUDGMENT ON LIKELIHOOD OF FURNISHING SUCH GRANT. DOES FRANCE MAKE BILATERAL FOOD GRANTS TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES? NOTE LEWIN IS CONCERNED THAT GUINEANS HAVE EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE BENEFITS TO RESULT FROM RENEWED RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. HE IS THEREFORE CASTING ABOUT FOR SOME SORT OF EARLY TANGIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

4. PREFER YOU NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH GOF.

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